

General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by: (ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING GENERAL PERMITS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 22a-6f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):
- 3 (a) Each annual fee charged by the Commissioner of Energy and 4 Environmental Protection pursuant to the general statutes shall be due 5 on or before July first of each year, unless otherwise specified in the 6 general statutes or in regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The fee for late payment of an annual fee charged by said commissioner pursuant 8 to the general statutes shall be ten per cent of the annual fee due, plus 9 one and one-quarter per cent per month or part thereof that the annual 10 fee remains unpaid. Each permit fee and permit application fee 11 charged by the commissioner pursuant to the general statutes is due 12 upon the submission of the permit application, unless otherwise 13 specified in the general statutes or in regulations adopted pursuant 14 thereto. Each permit fee and permit application fee payable to the 15 commissioner shall apply equally to the issuance,

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modification and transfer of a permit unless otherwise specified in the general statutes or in regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The commissioner may waive any fee payable to him as it applies to the activities of an agency, board, commission, council or department of the state, provided such agency, board, commission, council or department compensates the Department Energy and Environmental Protection in an amount equal to such fee pursuant to a written agreement.

- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under this title, on and after August 20, 2003, each fee in effect pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to any section of this title that is greater than one hundred dollars shall be increased by fifty per cent and all such fees of one hundred dollars or less shall be doubled, provided no such fee shall be less than one hundred dollars.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section: (1) The fees and annual adjustment for Title V emissions shall be assessed pursuant to the regulations adopted under section 22a-174; (2) each fee imposed pursuant to a general permit, in effect on or before August 20, 2003, shall be double the amount specified in such permit; and (3) each fee imposed pursuant to a certificate of permission, issued in accordance with section 22a-363b, shall be double the amount in effect on or before August 20, 2003.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or any regulation adopted under this title, on and after October 1, 2009, any fee in effect pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to any section of this title that is greater than one thousand dollars shall be increased by two hundred fifty dollars, any such fee that is greater than or equal to one hundred fifty dollars, but less than or equal to one thousand dollars, shall be increased by twenty-five per cent and rounded up to the nearest whole five-dollar increment and any such fee of less than one hundred fifty dollars shall be doubled. Any such fee contained in this title shall not be less than one hundred dollars.

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(e) Unless otherwise specified in a general permit, the registration fee for a general permit shall be as follows: (1) If the person intending to engage in the regulated activity is required to register with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and obtain approval of the registration before the activity is authorized, one thousand two hundred fifty dollars; or (2) if the person intending to engage in the regulated activity is only required to register with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection before the activity is authorized, six hundred twenty-five dollars. No registration fee for a general permit shall exceed six thousand two hundred fifty dollars.

- (f) Unless otherwise specified in a general permit, any person authorized to engage in a regulated activity covered by a general permit issued pursuant to any provision of this title shall pay an annual fee as follows: (1) If the person engaged in the regulated activity is required to register with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and obtain approval of the registration before the activity is authorized, two hundred dollars; or (2) if the person that intends to engage in the regulated activity is only required to register with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection before the activity is authorized, one hundred dollars. No annual fee for a general permit shall exceed one thousand dollars.
- [(f)] (g) Unless otherwise established by regulations adopted pursuant to section 22a-354i, the fee for a permit of a regulated activity, as described in section 22a-354i, shall be one thousand dollars and the fee to register such regulated activity with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, pursuant to section 22a-354i, shall be five hundred dollars.
- [(g)] (h) The fee for a consolidated general permit issued in accordance with more than one section of this title shall be specified in such general permit and shall not exceed the total sum for individual general permits, as authorized pursuant to subdivision (2) of

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80 subsection (c) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2013		22a-6f

Statement of Purpose:

To authorize the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to assess an annual fee for general permits in order to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the general permit.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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